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To: All Indiana Area Agencies on Aging and all Stakeholders

From: E. Mitchell Roob, Jr., Secretary
Indiana Family and Social Services Administration

Re: Announcement on FSSA Division of Aging Initiatives

It is my pleasure to announce two very important initiatives that will be implemented on July 1, 2006.

The first initiative is to move from 100% to 300% of the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) as the income standard for the Aged & Disabled Medicaid waiver. This change will serve to make home and community-based services more accessible to eligible individuals.

The second initiative is the change to the rate structure for some of the home and community-based services funded by Medicaid. In accordance with IC 12-10-10-12 concerning the negotiation of reimbursement rates, the Office of the Secretary and the Division of Aging, consulted with the Indiana Area Agencies on Aging. This was accomplished through a formal request process and through three listening tours held in Sellersburg, Indianapolis, and Plymouth, Indiana; and information obtained through discussions with providers and other stakeholders as to the reimbursement of service rates.

As a result, the rates for most of the home and community-based services on the Aged and Disabled and Traumatic Brain Injury Medicaid Waivers will increase by 5%, with some exceptions. The assisted living waiver services will increase by 15%. CHOICE, SSBG and Title III funded services will be standardized at a statewide rate 2% lower than those comparable Medicaid waiver service rates.

These initiatives will better serve Hoosiers by developing improved access standards and incentives to increase capacity for home and community-based services for our most vulnerable citizens.

